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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated February 7, 2006, that the instant application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, the Applicants maintain that the application does not disclose or claim any protein or polynucleotide requiring a Sequence Listing.

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